

Egremont Housing Committee Minutes

October 12, 2020

Meeting Held via ZOOM

In Attendance:

Committee Members: Joan Goodkind, Fred Gordon, Mark Holmes, Craig Barnum, Richard Allen

Meeting called to order by Joan Goodkind at 5:07 p.m.

The September 9, 2020, meeting minutes were approved.

Egremont Housing Trust (EHT)

The EHT Documents were filed with the IRS and awaiting approval, which should be approved based on past filings with the IRS. Additional Board members are being considered.

Affordable Housing Parcel Adjacent to Transfer Station

Fred Gordon (FG) updated the Committee on the submission of the grant application with Mass Development, Real Estate Technical Services, for a site plan. The requested amount was \$25,000. Award announcements will be made in mid-November.

Joan Goodkind (JG) informed the Committee The Town of Egremont is eligible to apply for the Housing Choice Small Town Capital Grant Program in FY 21. The prior grant was FY 19, and the town has met the "cooling off" period. The maximum grant award is \$100,000. The Grant request will highlight the need for site development, which will include the cost of bringing utilities to the site such as water and power.

A discussion ensued regarding the responsibility and funding for a Master Site Plan, Site Preparation, Construction of the Housing, and selection of a Management Company. In addition, it was noted that there is a commitment to lease the land to Construct, Inc. and a change to that commitment would require a citizen vote.

FG will contact the Salisbury Housing Commission for information on their responsibilities and how they relate to the Town of Salisbury and the Salisbury Housing Trust.

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Other Items

Mark Holmes (MH) described the concept of Cluster Housing and the differences from a traditional Condominium Association. There are currently 11 villages in Massachusetts and several under development. More information may be found at cohousing.org. The villages are multi-general with shared common spaces and a vision for community.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45

The next meeting is scheduled for November 2, at 5:00

Respectively submitted, Fred Gordon